

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 33, amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 and ending on page 34, line 3, as follows:

The signal-to-noise ratio is measured for the waveform in FIG. 14 sampled by installing the stethoscope-type microphone immediately below the mastoid and for the waveform in ~~FIG. 26~~ FIG. 16 sampled by installing the stethoscope-type microphone on the mastoid. The measurement is 19 decibels for the former waveform, while it is 11 decibels for the latter waveform. Thus, there is a large difference of 8 decibels between these waveforms. This difference corresponds to a 30% improvement in performance (60 to 90%) in connection with the speech recognition engine Julius (twenty thousand word level), which is free basic software for Japanese dictations.